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Dear Sir:

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1. Amendment;
2. Petition and fees for one month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1); and
3. Postcard acknowledging receipt of same.

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